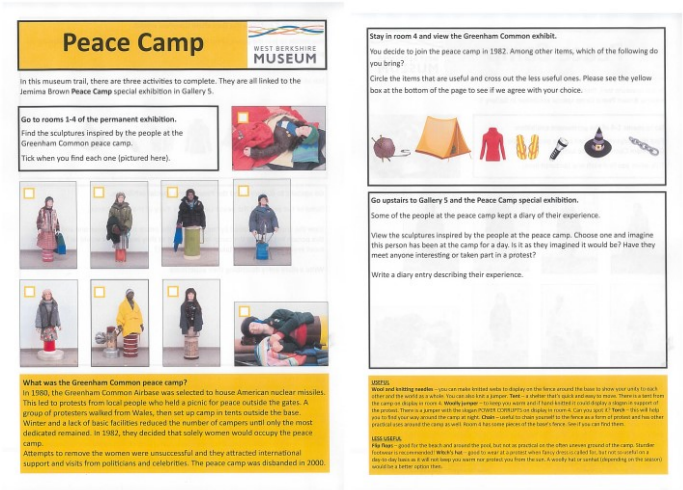
WEST BERKSHIRE
MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | February-March 2022

A self-led visit to West Berkshire Museum to explore the galleries is **free** and available to book on Mondays and Tuesdays (subject to availability) when we are closed to the public. Details of the exhibitions are in this newsletter (top right) and it's usually possible for us to provide a museum trail (with advance notice). Museum trails are provided free-of-charge, and you can borrow clipboards and pencils.



We have a museum trail (pictured above) available to accompany the **Peace Camp** exhibition in Gallery 5 (and figures scattered around the Museum, one pictured right). This exhibition by artist Jemima Brown commemorates the 40th anniversary of the arrival of the Greenham women peace camp at Greenham Common. The exhibition runs until 30 April 2022.

You can always combine a visit to the museum galleries with a led session – details of the available topics can be found in the museum learning and participation brochure sent with this newsletter.

Not able to visit the Museum? The museum team can bring most of the led sessions to your school. The sessions usually involve a mixture of real and replica objects for the children to handle and do activities around. Alternatively, you can borrow a museum artefact loan box (see the leaflet accompanying the newsletter for information on this scheme).

For more information or to book any of the above, please contact Clare (contact details to the right).

Current exhibitions at the Museum

Special exhibition: Barrels and Bottles. Looking at the story of brewing in West Berkshire.
Special exhibition: Together. Individuals describe their courtship and matrimonial rituals and traditions.
Special exhibition: Focus on Hungerford. An exploration of the history of this parish.
Special exhibition: Peace Camp. Greenham Common peace camp art installation.
Special exhibition: Hoards – New Treasure.
Special exhibition: The Stories We Tell. Folklore, myths and legends of West Berkshire.

Permanent exhibition: Lives and Landscapes. The story of West Berkshire told chronologically.

Image: Part of the Peace Camp art installation at West Berkshire Museum. Image courtesy of Jemima Brown.

February half-term holiday

We're got family friendly activities at both Shaw House and West Berkshire Museum most days of the half-term holiday. For details and to book: www.westberkshireheritage.org/whats-on

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